



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

May 5, 2004

**Divisional Application**

In re Application of: Wayne G. Floe  
Title: TRAILER STRUCTURES  
Attorney File: 10046D

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith are papers for filing a Divisional Patent Application as above identified.

This application is a Divisional Application resulting from a Restriction Requirement in the parent application Serial No. 09/931,709, filed August 16, 2001, by Wayne G. Floe, entitled "TRAILER STRUCTURES". In the Official Action mailed 9/27/2002, the Examiner established Group I to include Claims 1-8, 14, & 21-25; and Group II to include Claims 9-13 & 15-20. Group I claims were elected for prosecution in the Parent Application. Claims 9-13 from Group II were later determined by the Examiner to be properly prosecuted with Group I and were removed from Group II. This Divisional Application is directed to the Claims remaining in Group II, including Claims 15-20 and the invention contemplated therein.

**A. Effective Filing Date.** By reason of the Restriction Requirement, this Divisional Application is afforded the earliest filing date of the identified Parent Application.

**B. Preliminary Amendment.** A Preliminary Amendment accompanying the Divisional Application is enclosed. The specification of this Divisional Application and the Preliminary Amendment contain no new matter over that contained and disclosed in the above identified Parent Application.

**C. Original Application.** A copy as filed of the Original Patent Application, also referred to as the 'Parent Application', is enclosed and includes the following:

18 pages of Specification  
2 pages of Claims (Claims 15-20 from the parent application),  
1 page of Abstract  
12 sheets of formal Drawings

**D. Additional Papers.** Please find enclosed the following papers related to the enclosed Divisional Patent Application:

- (1) Combined Petition, Declaration and Power of Attorney originally submitted with the Original Application
- (2) Submission of Verified of Statement(s) to Establish Small Entity Status submitted with the Original Application

(3) Verified Statement (Declaration) Claiming Small Entity Status (37 CFR 1.9(f) and 1.27 (b)) - Independent Inventor, submitted with the Original Application

**E. Fee Calculation**

FEE FOR CLAIMS CALCULATION - SMALL ENTITY			
Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Basic Fee \$ 385.00
Total Claims 20 - 20 = 0	0 X	\$9.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims 3- 3 = 0	0 X	\$43.00	\$0.00
Multiple dependent claims if any +			\$0.00
Filing fee calculation			\$385.00

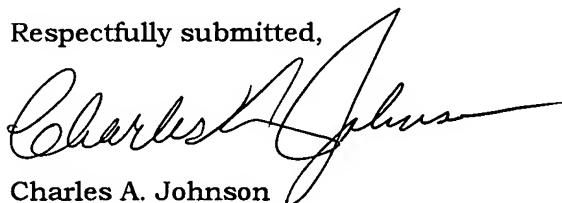
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**F. Filing Fee**

A check in the amount of **\$385.00** is enclosed for the Filing Fee.

Correspondence is to be directed to the undersigned attorney of record, and an early acknowledgment will be greatly appreciated.

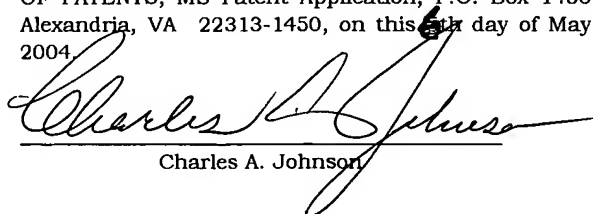
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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.10: The undersigned hereby certifies that this transmittal letter and the paper or papers, as described hereinabove, are being deposited in the United States Postal Service, "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" having an Express Mail mailing label number of ER 048648046 US, in an envelope addressed to: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS, MS Patent Application, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 5th day of May, 2004.

  
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